

TF Vector Control (Harvey) Summary September 13, 2017 (1:00 PM CDT)

Current Members:

TX Department of State Health Services  
TX Department of Agriculture  
ESF 8/Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
FEMA- Emergency Services  
FEMA -Public Assistance  
FEMA- Environmental Historical Preservation  
FEMA External Affairs  
FEMA Ops  
Department of Defense/910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing  
EPA  
US Fish and Wildlife  
US Department of Agriculture

Current Situation: No significant changes from last report

Texas requested federal support for Vector Control (mosquito). Current requirements have exceeded local and state capabilities. FEMA is coordinating federal vector control support in coordination with Texas Department of State Health Services (TX DSHS). Dr. Whitney Qualls, Medical Entomologist, TX DSHS is the Project Coordinator for vector control.

TX DSHS continues to determine local jurisdiction needs and capacity. Local jurisdictions with current plans and capacity will conduct activities themselves. The remainder of affected counties will be supported by TX DSHS contract with Clarke Mosquito, Inc. (Clarke), and Vector Disease Control International (VDCI), and Department of Defense (DoD) aerial assets.

TX DSHS continues to receive State of Texas Assistance Requests (STAR) from affected counties for mosquito aerial spray support (Attachment A).

TX DSHS updated its mosquito spray mission maps on September 11, 2017 (Attachment B). As additional needs are identified through STARs, TXDSHS will coordinate with DoD to update maps.

TX DSHS's contractor Clarke completed spray missions in DeWitt County and part of Lavaca County during the evening hours of September 11, 2017. Mission in Lavaca County is scheduled to continue through the evening hours of September 12, 2017. Mission update will be provided next report.

Two modular aerial spray system (MASS) aircraft from the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing conducted spray operations in Chambers, Jefferson, and Orange counties during the evening hours of September 11, 2017, treating 199,190 acres. Since September 9, 2017, DoD has treated 494,563 acres,



with operations in Orange County now complete. Two MASS aircraft scheduled to complete missions in Jefferson and Chambers counties; and begin spray operations in Brazoria County on during the evening hours of September 12, 2017. A 4<sup>th</sup> MASS aircraft is scheduled to arrive on September 12, 2017, in order to allow three aircraft in the air per mission starting on September 13, 2017.

FEMA and DoD are coordinating disposition requirements for empty pesticide containers and unused product (return to producer preferred).

VDCI is scheduled to begin surveillance operations on September 13, 2017, and aerial spray operations on September 14, 2017.

FEMA external affairs and DoD PIO are coordinating closely with TX DSHS media affairs on messaging for DoD aerial spray mission. Most current press release attached (Attachment C).

Dr. Whitney Qualls ([whitney.qualls@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:whitney.qualls@dshs.texas.gov)), TX DSHS, State Coordinator will circulate all public messaging, product data, and processes centrally through the State.

TX DSHS requested that daily TF Vector Control (Harvey) coordination teleconference be scheduled every other day. Next teleconference is scheduled for 3:00 pm, September 13, 2017.

Tasks: None

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